

Complete records of the planning process will be available for public review at the BLM, Las Cruces Field Office at the address above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Notice and Agenda for Meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Department of the Interior (Department) has established a Royalty Policy Committee (Committee), on the Minerals Management Advisory Board, to provide advice on the Department's management of Federal and Indian minerals leases, revenues, and other minerals related policies. Committee membership includes representatives from States, Indian Tribes and allottee organizations, minerals industry associations, the general public, and Federal departments. At this tenth meeting, the Committee will elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Parliamentarian, and consider revised by-laws. The Phosphate, Trona and Leaseable Solid Minerals; Coal; Accounting Relief for Marginal Properties; and Freedom of Information Act Subcommittees will also present interim reports. The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will be prepared to discuss Royalty in Kind pilots, Royalty Management Program's reengineering overview and Operational Models, MMS's Strategic Plan for 2001-2005, and the April Award Ceremony.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, February 4, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Standard time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel, 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, Texas 77060, telephone number (713) 875-1652.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gary L. Fields, Chief, Program Services Office, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3062, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3102, fax number (303) 231-3781.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The location and dates of future meetings

will be published in the **Federal Register**. The meetings will be open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to Mr. Gary L. Fields, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Minutes of Committee meetings will be available 10 days following each meeting for public inspection and copying at the Royalty Management Program, Building No. 85, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado.

These meetings are being held by the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-63, revised.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Salton Sea Restoration Project, Coachella and Imperial Counties, California, INT-DES-00-03

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) have prepared a joint DEIS/DEIR for the Salton Sea Restoration Project (SSRP). The Salton Sea is an artificially maintained inland body of water located in the southeastern corner of California, southeast of Palm Springs, and spans Riverside and Imperial counties. Based on scientific, environmental, and feasibility studies conducted for the SSRP, five project alternatives were developed to address project goals. The DEIS/DEIR describes and presents the environmental effects of the five alternatives as well as the No Action Alternative. Public hearings will be held

to receive written or verbal comments on the DEIS/DEIR from interested organizations and individuals on the environmental impacts of the proposal. A Notice of Public Hearing will be published at a later date with dates, times, and locations of the hearings.

**DATES:** A 90-day public review period commences with the publication of this notice. Submit written comments on the DEIS/DEIR on or before April 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the DEIS/DEIR should be addressed to Mr. Tom Kirk, Director, Salton Sea Authority, 78-401 Highway 111, Suite T, La Quinta, CA 92253; or to Mr. William Steele, Program Manager, Salton Sea Project, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 61470, Boulder City, NV 89006-1470.

The document is available on the Internet at <http://www.lc.usbr.gov>. Copies of the DEIS/DEIR may be requested from Mr. Steele at the above address or by calling (702) 293-8129. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the DEIS/DEIR are available for public inspection.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Tom Kirk, SSA, at (760) 564-4888; or Mr. William Steele, Reclamation, at (702) 293-8129.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SSRP was developed to comply with Public Laws 102-575 and 105-372 which direct the Secretary of the Interior to "conduct a research project for the development of a method or combination of methods to reduce and control salinity, provide endangered species habitat, enhance fisheries, and protect recreational values \* \* \* in the area of the Salton Sea" as well as "complete all studies, including, but not limited to environmental and other reviews, of the feasibility and benefit-cost of various options that permit the continued use of the Salton Sea as a